



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PROPOSAL TO REMOVE CHEMICALS FROM SOIL & GROUNDWATER

Sheraton Universal Hotel

Universal City, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: July 22, 2011 through August 20, 2011

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on a Draft Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) for a portion of the Sheraton Universal Hotel (Site) located at 333 Universal Hollywood Drive, Universal City, CA 91608. The primary objective of the Draft RAW is to remove chemicals in the soil vapor phase and shallow groundwater located underneath the Site. The Site is contaminated with residual chlorinated solvents caused by dry cleaning chemicals that penetrated beneath the hotel floor at levels that are above acceptable health and safety limits. The Site was developed as a hotel in 1968. Historically, on-site dry cleaning services were conducted in the basement of the 20-story facility. Operation of the on-site dry cleaning service ceased and equipment moved out of the building in the early 1990s. Site investigations showed the presence of chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The Draft RAW remedy proposes an on-site vapor extraction (VE) system in order to lower chemical contamination to acceptable residential health safety levels. The final design of the VE system would be capable of extracting and processing both vapor and liquid in the affected area.

As required by California Law, DTSC has performed a review of the proposed Draft RAW in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the review, DTSC has determined that the Draft RAW will not have any significant adverse effects on public health or the environment, and proposes to issue a CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE). The proposed CEQA NOE is available for public review during the 30-day comment period.

DTSC encourages you to review and provide comments on the Draft RAW during the 30-day public comment period running from **July 22, 2011 – August 20, 2011**. DTSC will consider all comments before finalizing its decision to approve the Draft RAW.

All public comments must be postmarked or received **by August 20, 2011**. All comments should refer to the Draft RAW and **must be sent to** the following:

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WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? The Draft RAW and CEQA NOE are available at the following locations:

Sheraton Universal
Information Desk
333 Universal Hollywood Drive,
Universal City, CA 91608
(818) 980-1212

DTSC's Chatsworth Office
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 717-6521

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE VIA THE WEB AT:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60000582#

(Click the "Community Involvement" tab)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If you have questions or would to discuss the CMP, please contact:

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